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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Do not the Government think that it is desirable to have such a record so that the Government may know as to how these deaths occurred ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not think it necessary."

Police

Age-limit for appointment of probationary Deputy Superintendents of Police.

* 200 Q.—Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what age-limit is prescribed for appointment as probationary Deputy Superintendent of Police ;

(b) whether any distinction is made in the matter of age-limit in the case of candidates already in Government service applying for the above post ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a higher age-limit is prescribed for candidates already in Government service for appointment as Jailors and Deputy Jailors in the Jail Department ; and

(d) if so, whether the Government will consider the advisability of extending similar concession for candidates in Government service applying for appointment as Probationary Deputy Superintendent of Police ?

A.—(a) A candidate must be above 21 and under 23 years of age on the 1st August preceding the date of selection.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (c) of this question, may I know what is the age-limit fixed for candidates already in Government service for appointment as Jailors and Deputy Jailors in the Jail Department ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The age-limit fixed for candidates already in Government service for appointment as Jailors and Deputy Jailors is 32 and 28 respectively, and for those outside the Government service, 25 years in both cases."

Irrigation

Systematic execution of improvements to irrigation works.

* 201 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for more systematically carrying out improvements to irrigation works than is now done ?

A.—Instructions have been issued to the local officers for ensuring the systematic execution of kudimaramat works, and a copy of these instructions has been placed on the Council table in reply to question No. 9.

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Instructions have also been issued for the investigation and execution of schemes for new irrigation works and improvements to existing works by the Minor Irrigation staff. A copy of G.O. No. 2314,[a] Revenue, dated 16th November 1927, is placed on the table.

As regards repairs to minor works to be carried out by the Public Works Department, the question of accelerating their execution was recently considered by Government and two additional divisions, one for the Madras Circle, including the Ceded districts, and another for the Bezwada Circle, have been sanctioned with the necessary additional establishment. A copy of G.O. No. 1814 I.,[b] dated 25th July 1928, on the subject is placed on the table.

Improvement of the water-supply in the Palar river.

* 202 *Q.*—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of days or months for which water was received in the Kaverippakkam, Mayendiravadi and Dusi tanks (North Arcot district) in the Palar anicut system since the resettlement in 1914;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to augment the supply of water in the Palar; and

(*c*) whether the Government will lay on the table a statement showing—

(1) the extent of the ayacut,

(2) the total assessment, and

(3) the amount of remissions granted under the aforesaid three tanks within the past five years?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Information on these points has been called for.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether the Kaverippakkam tank received its normal supply of water only once during the last ten years?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"The information that we have is that the tank has received supply 64 times within twenty years."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—"That is not an answer to my question."

Irrigation of lands under the Muniyeru channel.

* 203 *Q.*—The Zamindar of Mirzapuram: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (i) to place on the table a statement showing (*a*) the areas cultivated with wet crop under the Muniyeru channel in each fasli from 1866 to 1927, (*b*) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Zamindar of Chintalapati Vantu for the construction, development and maintenance of the irrigation scheme, and (*c*) the revenue realized by him during each of the years in the said period and (ii) to state—

(*a*) whether ever since the Zamindar of Chintalapati Vantu was authorized in B.P. No. 7888, dated 31st October 1866, to execute the Muniyeru channel work at his own cost and make necessary arrangements, the Government have considered the desirability of taking up the project

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 412–413 infra. [b] Separately laid on the table.